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Honorable Theodore F. Green
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Green:

May I take this opportunity to state that I was highly impressed by the thoughts which you recently expressed, following your return from Europe, regarding conditions within the Soviet Union.

I was particularly interested in your remarks concerning the power of education and freedom of thought. I have felt for some time that the Soviet Union, in introducing mass education, is loosing forces dangerous to the leaders in the Kremlin. I am convinced that it will be increasingly difficult for them henceforth to close off their own people from access to the realities of the outside world.

I would be most interested in hearing your firsthand impressions of your trips to Africa and to Europe. Knowing of your heavy responsibilities, I hesitate to intrude upon your busy schedule. I would appreciate an opportunity, however, to come to your office and meet with you whenever it is convenient for you to see me.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence

1. This memorandum contains recommendations in paragraphs 2 and 3.

2. I have delayed redrafting a letter to Senator Green, because I have had some second thoughts since our conversation last Saturday. I still feel, however, that a letter to the Senator, possibly followed by a meeting with him, can do no harm to our relations with his Committee or with him personally, and might provide a basis for further contact if desirable. On the other hand, I doubt if this letter will importantly effect our relationships, and there is always the possibility, however remote, that the letter will suggest to the Senator or to the Staff that you should give further briefings to the Committee. On balance, I recommend that the attached letter be signed. I have not incorporated any detail as to the Director's opinions on the dangers of Soviet mass education, as I felt this might tend to encourage the Senator or the Staff to seek a briefing.

3. I do not recommend that letters be sent to Senators Russell and Saltonstall or to Congressman Vinson until you return. I have a feeling that such letters would be more effective if they were current with the return of the Members to Washington than if they became a part of the Christmas pile of correspondence. I will keep in touch with the Staffs regarding the desirability of early meetings of our Subcommittees.



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